Petitions—Reduction or remission of land tax.

571. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether they have received petitions praying for reduction or remission of land tax and extention of payment this year;

(2) if the answer is in the affirmative (a) the number of petitions received (b) the number granted and (c) the number rejected showing reasons in brief?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(1) Yes.

(2) (a) 43.
(b) 10.
(c) 23.

18 petitions were rejected as they did not come within the purview of the D. P., dated 15th October 1931, R/4/2673/07; published in the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 31st Kanni 1107, and 5 were dismissed as the prices of agricultural products were not lower than those prevailing at the time of Settlement.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—(2) (c). May I know what is the price of the agricultural products during the time of settlement?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I can give the price with regard to two important products, that is cocoanut and paddy. Cocoanut Re. 1—6—0 per hundred nuts and paddy it was 6 annas.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does the Government know that the price of paddy has gone down as low as 5 annas this year?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Has it not gone lower than 6 annas?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does the Government know whether there is any increase in the cost of cultivation at the time of settlement and the present day?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—Not much.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Is there any?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—There is not.

Cases—Munsiff's Courts, Ernakulam and Trichur.

572. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of pending cases (original, small cause and contested miscellaneous petitions) on the file of the Ernakulam

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Munsiff's Court including the Additional Munsiff's Court on the 1st of Dhanu 1107;

(b) the number of original suits over 1 year old and small cause suits and miscellaneous petitions over 6 months old on the above date;

(c) the information on points (a) and (b) as regards the Trichur Munsiff's Court ;

(d) the number of suits filed in the above two courts in the first 4 months of 1107;

(e) the number of pending cases on the file of the above 2 courts on 1st Kumbham 1107 ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—

	O. S.	S. C.	M. P.
(a)	302	216	65
(b)	22	7	6
(c)	355	375	4 and
	7	nil	10 respectively

(d) Ernakulam Munsiff's Court—402 suits and 261 petitions.

Trichur Munsiff's Court—624 suits and 1395 petitions.

(e) Ernakulam Munsiff's Cout—266 suits and 261 petitions.

Trichur Munsiff's Court—326 suits and 290 petitions.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know why the Additional Court was moved from Ernakulam to Trichur ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Owing to the heavy arrears in the Trichur Munsiff's Court.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there any rule regarding the number of suits that a Munsiff is expected to dispose of in the course of the year, any minimum number.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—I do not think there is any such rule.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—What generally is the number expected of the Munsiff to be disposed of ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—That will depend upon the nature of the suits, the quality of the suits, the nature of the complications, if it is a contested one, etc. No definite number is expected of any Munsiff. It depends upon the nature of the case.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Can I take it that if any Munsiff's Court shows that the number that was pending on the 1st Dhanu is very large the Additional Munsiff will be to that Court.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—There is no such rule.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is stated that because of the heavy arrears the Temporary Court was shifted from Ernakulam to Trichur. If any other Court shows that the same number of cases is pending, for example Vadakkancheri or Irinjalakkuda, will it be supplied with an Additional Court? According to me the number pending in Trichur Court is not heavy.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—Government cannot make any such promise.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Has the question of the abolition of the Additional Munsiff's Court as a measure of retrenchment been suggested during the Vrischigam session just when the Government was thinking of shifting the Additional Court from Ernakulam to Trichur?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—I want notice so far as that supplementary question is concerned.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Does the Government still realise the necessity of having the Additional Court of Trichur? The numbers pending are 266 suits and 290 petitions.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.—The matter will be considered by the Government.

Registration Superintendents.

573. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when Mr. A. Venkiteswara Ayyar retired from the office of the Superintendent of Registration; how long he was in the office;

(b) who were his successors in office and for what period; why they ceased to be Superintendents;

(c) what is the office held by these successors immediately before they became Superintendents of Registration;

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) With effect from 25-11-1096. From 22-5-1089 to 24-11-1096 both days inclusive.

(b) 1. Mr. B. C. Chakko from 29-11-1096 to 21-10-1099 retired from service from 22-10-1099.

2. Mr. K. T. Thomas from 22-10-1099 to 2-1-1104 retired from 3-1-1104. Mr. Thomas was on privilege leave for 4 months from 3-9-1103 preparatory to his retirement on 3-1-1104, during which period Mr. T. V. Ramalinga Ayyar was acting Superintendent of Registration?

3. Mr. T. V. Ramalinga Ayyar 3-1-1104 to 16-6-1104, transferred as District Magistrate from 17-6-.104.

4. Mr. K. Kochunny Menon 17-6-1104 to 24-7-1104 retired from 25-7-1104.

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